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MODIS Science Data Support Team (SDST) Meeting Minutes 03/20/92

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XT MEETING: Date Time Building Room
Friday, March 27 10:00 am 22 G95

PICS:

MODIS DATA PRODUCT ATTRIBUTES: The SDST will send copies of tables of MODIS data product attributes to the Team Members updating. The updated information will be a candidate topic discussion at the Science Team Meeting (April 14 to 16, 1992).

MODIS AIRBORNE SIMULATOR (MAS): Liam Gumley presented a status report on MAS processing and software development, including work on a program to accurately estimate the time offset between the MAS and INS clocks based on a cross correlation of the roll information from the two systems.

NASA Master Directory (MD) was found to be an appropriate place to set up a directory service for the MAS data. The NASA Master Data System (NCDS) offers the type of guide service and directory service needed for MAS. The NCDS is an appropriate place to handle the MAS data catalog until this function can be taken over by the Version 0 DAAC. A description of the NCDS was included in the handout.

Accelerating MAS processing while using less of Liam's time can be accomplished by providing part-time support by a data-tech and providing more adequate hardware resources on the FTP site (about 5 GB of dedicated disk space in a workstation with Exabyte 9-track magnetic tape drives). I/O speed is more important than CPU speed for MAS Level-1 processing.

CLOUD OPTICAL PROGRAM: Tom Goff reported that Mike King's

Cloud optical program is now executing on the LTP SGI Iris computer. A key step in the porting was placement of large data arrays into a common block. These arrays had been in subroutine argument lists which produced stack overflow conditions since the program passes arguments by value rather than address. All of the lessons learned" in porting the Cloud Optical program will be reflected in the guidelines for Team Members science algorithms.

ACTION ITEMS:

03/92 [Team]: Check on the set of software engineering tools available in Code 530 to see if any of these would be of use to SDST. (Arrangements are being made to have Frank McGarry come to one of the MODIS SDST meetings and talk about the tools he uses and would recommend. This will have to occur after the next team meeting because of Frank McGarry's schedule.)
STATUS: Open. Due date 02/14/92.

17/92 [Tom Goff]: Have a polished version (with peer review) of the file dump routine ready for the MODIS Science Team meeting. (Copies of the finished version together with RDC editorial review comments were given to Ed Masuoka to pass on to Bill Webster for use by the SDST software review committee.)
STATUS: Open. Due date 04/01/92.

21/92 [Ed Masuoka]: Talk to Code 930 and find out what tools they have for porting data between computers from different vendors. (Ed says the U-Lab is purchasing QA Fortran and QA C. Ed will talk to Bill Mish about data conversion.) STATUS: Open.
Due date 03/13/92.

21/92 [Lloyd Carpenter and Team]: Identify a list of risks associated with porting Team Members' algorithms to the PGS. Prepare these for discussion at the Science Team Meeting.
STATUS: Open. Due date 04/01/92.

28/92 [Liam Gumley]: Develop a plan to accelerate MAS processing using less of Liam's time. (The plan was included in the handout and presented at the 03/20/92 meeting.) STATUS: Closed. Due date 03/20/92.

13/92 [Ed Masuoka and Liam Gumley]: Find out what is involved in setting up the catalogue for MAS data. (The information was included in the handout and discussed in the meeting on 02/09/92.) STATUS: Closed. Due date 04/03/92.

20/92 [Liam Gumley]: Make a list of candidate algorithms to process MAS data (to be discussed at the Science Team meeting). Consult with the atmospheres group. STATUS: Open. Due date 02/27/92.

20/92 [Tom Goff]: Ensure that every problem identified in porting Mike King's code is addressed in the Team Member coding

delines. STATUS: Open. Due date 03/27/92.

20/92 [Lloyd Carpenter]: Gather the MODIS Data Product
ributes information, and write a cover letter to Team Members
updating the information, and discussion at the Team Meeting.
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